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Attention Caerthens!
The Fortress has a magnificent name just like the many magnificent castles that were fortresses throughout Europe. I want to picture a different Fortress, or portion of a fortress each month. Inside I will put a little history of the castle or portion of the castle displayed on our cover.

I ask for your help. If you have a drawing or picture of a castle that you took of a favorite Fortress that you care to share, please fill out the permission form located on the Baronial web site and forward that with the drawing or picture to me at Chronicler@caerthe-sca.org. Please contact me if you have any questions.

YIS,
Jorunn nic Lochlainn

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Ladies in Waiting	Baroness Cathrine de Norwood
	Lady Raes Augustine
	Lady Ellinor Rose Sanbourne
	Lady Morgan Cheyney
Capt. of Guard	Lord Sebastian
Guard	Lord Robartach de Montain
	Lord Argyl; THLady Jorunn
Warlord	THLord Albrech (sp?)
Sword of Chivalry	Lord Sebastian
Archery Warden	THL Ailinn Shadowfox
Crossbow Champion	Master Daffyd of Emmett
Premier Blade	Master Domin d'Alsace
Blade of Chivalry	Mistress Kseniya Mikhailovna Morskaya
A&S Champion	Lord Alasdair McDubghaill
Blackthorn Bard	Mistress Catrin von Berlin

Weapon Practices

Heavy Fighter Practice: Held Thursdays, 6:30–9:15 pm
Jefferson County Fairgrounds 15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden, CO 80401. Contact: Knight Marshal, THL THL Angus Montgomery the Forrester- marshal@caerthe-sca.org

Rapier Weapons Practice:
Thursdays, 6:30–9:15 pm
Jefferson County Fairgrounds 15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden, CO 80401
Contact: Marshal of Fence, Lord Buta - rapier@caerthe-sca.org

Archery Practice:
Mondays at Gander Mtn 6 til 9pm . Gander Mountain - 14000 E. Jewell Ave., Aurora Co. 80012, (right off of I-225) Cost: $5.00
Scout Park Practice is cancelled until Spring.
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Baronial business Meetings:

Meetings are open to the populace.
The Barony of Caerthe holds its Business Meeting and populace gathering on the first Monday of each month from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. We meet on the First Floor of the Englewood Civic Center in one of the two large conference rooms (generally in the Perrin Room). Address: 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood, CO 80110.

Directions: Take best route to the intersection of Santa Fe Dr and W. Hampden Ave. Turn East on Hampden Ave. to S. Inca Way. Turn North on Inca Way, then immediately left into the subterranean parking garage. The Englewood Library will be on the left side of the road where Inca Way intersects with Englewood Pkwy.

Seneschals Report

Greetings Unto The Populace of Caerthe,

I hope that this winter you are in the comfort of many friends and family. I hope too that you will be able to join your friends and family at Caerthen Twelfth Night which incidentally is on January 5.

That event will see a changeover of a number of officers. Our current exchequer, THL Ailleann Inghean Fhiodhbhuidhe, will be stepping down to be replaced by THL Johann of the Northern Moors. Our current Minister of the Lists, Mistress Kseniya Mikhailovna Morskaya, will be stepping down to be replaced by Isabella. Our current marshal of fence, Don Buta, will be stepping down to be replaced by Lady Cáelainn ingen Cháemgein hui Thaidc. A huge thank you to all these officers who have served so well!
Similarly, the time draws nigh when I too will be stepping down. At Tri-Baronial A&S on March 23, I will be stepping down and will be replaced by Lord Cilléne mac Conghalaigh. In the next few months I will be working on the transition with him so that the turnover is as smooth as possible. Please help him in what ways you can so that Caerthe can continue to be the strong barony that it is.

It remains my honor and privilege to serve as your seneschal.

YIS,
THL Jethro Stille
Seneschal of Caerthe

Exchequer Report

Fund Distribution for the Barony of Caerthe as of 12/1/12

General Fund	$ 5,141.33	
Archery	$ 809.27	
Cook's Guild	$ 53.78	
Equestrians Guild	$ 405.67	
Fencers		$ 150.40
Fighters	$ 48.29	
Fortress	$ 23.23	
Heralds	$ 63.52	
Leatherworkers Guild	$ 33.00	
KW Cooks & Bards	$ -	
Scribes	$ 170.16	
Travel Fund	$ 504.84	
Total Funds in Sub-Accounts		$ 2,262.16
Bank Total	$ 7,403.49	

The financial committee did not meet this month. The next anticipated meeting will be at 12th Night. Our new financial committee members are Master Domin d'Alsace and Lady Thalia Ruggenall. We wish to thank THL Celestina Santi and Sir Wolfgang Grothe de Verron for thier service over the last year.

I will be stepping down at 12th Night and my deputy, THL Johann of the Northern Moors, will be taking my place. I would like to thank the Barony for the support I have received over the last two years. That support has been invaluable and has made this a highly enjoyable experience.

YIS,

THL Ailleann inghean Fhiodhbhuidhe

Caerthen Exchequer

Chronicler Report

Per request of popular vote at the last Baronial business meeting, the Fortress will not be distributed until the 5th of each month. This allows Baronial officers time enough to submit their current reports for publication. In this way, the populace will receive current information from each office instead of a month behind.

I am in the process of redesigning the format of the Fortress to bring more valuable content that is pertinent to the populace. I am hoping some of the items I am creating will spark an interest in members of the populace participating.

I have changed the cover art to reflect European Fortresses to include a bit of history on the inside cover. I have extended an invitation to the Caerthe populace to send a picture or drawing of a fortress they would like to see. I am prepared to provide all the artwork if necessary, but hope what I do, inspires others to the same.

I do not know how many pages I will have this month. I have 79 subscribers.

Yours In Service,
Jorunn nic Lochlainn

Web Minister Report

There is not much to report this month. Event pages were added for 12th Night and Tri-Baronial A&S. The listing for Tri-Baronial A&S links to a more extensive site put together by the event stewards.

Several bugs were also fixed. Recurring meetings and practices will now show both the time and upcoming date on the detailed listing page, not just the calendar view. I also found a problem where the Drupal installation was running out of memory. I contacted TotalChoice Hosting support, and they were able to fix the issue within 10 minutes.

After some research, I was able to find out that the Barony's Facebook presence is in the care of Robert of Deerbourne, who is also in charge of the Yahoo group. No other steps have been taken.

I received one Canton report, from Hawks Hollow.

This report also marks my one-year anniversary of stepping up as Webminister. I would like to thank all for the opportunity, and will endeavor to continue providing prompt, professional service to the Barony. As before, any questions, comments, critiques, and requests regarding the website are much appreciated.

YIS,
Rónán Supélach
Webminister, Caerthe

Minister of the Lists

Mistress Kseniya Mikhailovna Morskaya, Caerthen Minister of the Lists, sends greetings, and this report for the month of November, 2012:

The first of the Winterfest tournaments was held at Caerthen Fighter Practice on November 15, 2012. There was a heavy weapons tournament and a fencing tournament. 21 fighters participated in the heavy tournament; the winner was His Excellency, Count Flanagan. 12 fighters participated in the fencing tournament; the winner was Don Buta.

MOLs for the tournaments were Lady Ellinor Rose Sanbourne (heavy weapons) and Isabella Rechardi (fencing).

Next month's report will be my final one as Minister of the Lists. Isabella Rechardi will be taking the office at Caerthen 12th Night (January 5, 2013).

Done by my hand this 3rd day of December, 2012.

Mistress Kseniya

December Dragon Doodle

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Aspen Pursuivant – December 2012 Report

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December 31, 2012, A.S. XLVIII (2012 C.E.)

I am writing you to provide an accounting of the heraldic activity of the Barony of Caerthe and the Aspen Pursuivant office during the month of October and November 2012.

Summary

- The August 2012 LoAR had no information on Caertheans
- The September 2012 LoAR had no information on Caertheans
- The October 2012 LoAR has not been released as of this writing
- October submission packet
    - **Bree Norwood** - New Name & New Device
    - **Dairenn of Galway** - Resub Device
    - **Faolan Ó Lacháin of Galway** - New Badge
    - **Hawkril de Honeybun** - New Name & New Device
- November submission packet:
    - **Livia Agrinali** - New Name & New Device
- Anticipated December submission packet:
    - **Ulrich Tanhauser** – name and device
    - **James Harper** – name and device
    - **Magdalena Lucia Ramberti** – new household name and badge
    - **Septimus Valerius Arcadius** – new name and device
- All existing deputy branch heralds are reporting.
- We have established a regular meeting of local (Caerthe and cantons) heralds to go over better procedure and create a support network for local heralds. Our second meeting will be planned this month, details to follow on the Yahoo groups. This has been on hiatus over the summer, but will be starting again this month.

Awards given to Caerthe populous in the month of:

September 2012 (additions due to reports not being sent):

- **Tatiana Bonaciex** – Saint Michael with the Harp (CG)

October 2012

- **Anton von Strausberg –** Knight of the Society
- **Diana Doria –** Laurel
- **Oliver Mordrake –** Pelican
- **Nathaniel McPherson -** Stag
- **James the Reluctant –** AOA
- **Alissandra de Monte –** Cordon Royal
- **Arcadia de Medina –** Queen's Cypher
- **Cristiane Woayde** - Queen's Cypher
- **Grellán Óconchobhair** – Cordon Royal
- **Gwenhevare of Coventry** – Queen's Cypher
- **Máire Dooley** – Cordon Royal
- **Marie le Noir de Navarre** – Cordon Royal

- **Ramon the Chronologer** – Cordon Royal
- **Reynhard Sebastian von Reutte** – Cordon Royal
- **Robert Magnus** – Walker of the Way
- **Wolfgang Grothe de Verron** – Cordon Royal

Their Excellencies gave out the following awards to the populace:

- **none**

Goals

- ***Improve Heraldic Display*** – not met this month
- ***Promote & Assist with Name and Device Registrations*** – Met. Did three consultations.
- ***Educate the populace regarding heraldry*** – not met

Consultation and Submissions

Standard Items:

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Consulting:

- Consulted with three individuals.

Submission Processing:

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Court Heraldry

Events: Their Excellencies were part of court for Unser Hafen Newcomer's on October 20, 2012, and Fall Coronation on November 10, 2012. Although there was no business to be attended, I stood court as Aspen herald.

Awards:

Their Excellencies gave out no awards in October or November

Field Heraldry

- No field heraldry items were reported.

Edcation

Articles/Publications:

- The heraldry section on the Baronial website is being maintained by Master Furukusu.

Classes:

- n/a.

Other Education/Training:

- We are holding a monthly heralds meeting for heralds and those interested in heraldry at my home in Ravenhyrst.

Heraldic Display

- none

General Administrative

Deputies Status:

- Drop Dead Deputy: Lord Rioghan mac an Ghabhan
- At large Heralds
    - Lady Katelin de Ireland (last report 6/3/2012)
    - THL Conrad von Zollern (last report 1/11/12 Domesday)
    - Master Furukusu Masahide (last report 1/17/11 Domesday)

Other Administrative Items:

- none

Future Plans:

- The charter for the Black Glove of Caerthe is not in sync with the award itself. We are working on correcting this with Wimble Herald.

Subsidiary Branch Herald and Deputy Officer Reporting

Sub-groups:

- Hawks Hollow (Required: quarterly, usually monthly – Last report 11/26/2012)
    - THL Eric Morrison of Thistlekeep
- Bloodstone (Required: quarterly – Last report 7/1/12)
    - Lord Faelen O'Laighin of Galaway
- Ravenhyrst (Required: quarterly)
    - Lord Henri de Leon
- Scola Metallorum (Required: quarterly)
    - No warranted herald.
- Three Spires (Required: quarterly)
    - No warranted herald.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I remain, in service to the Aspen and Stag,

mrba
THL Avram ibn Gabirol
Aspen Pursuivant

Knight Marshals report for November I have been working hard trying to get the loaner armor rebuilt, and people have been helping, as their time and schedules permit, but this has been a long hard process, with the finish still a ways down the road. I will have three suits of loaner gear ready and at the weekly practice on the 6th of December. Listed below I have a list of what we have and its condition. There is still a lot to be done to have a few "good" (by good, I mean not falling apart or illegal, or unsafe) suits of loaner armor.

Another item will be I feel very strongly that starting the first practice of the year, at Minimum there will be a STRONG, STRONG suggestion of $3 per person at each fighter practice, I would prefer $5, but am willing to go to $3.
Forrester
Caerthe Knight Marshal

Armor list

5 total neck protection
3 good
2 need repaired
6 plastic/leather, salvage for parts
Basket hilts/swords
3 basket hilts, in ok usable shape
Swords need replaced (we have rattan)
Elbows
6 in good usable shape
3 ½ sets need repaired
Helms
10 total
6 wearable (4 of these need retired, major work, but usable for now)
4 need padding
Hand protection
1 XXXL gauntlets (Baron Patrick old ones) Needs strapped
1 Med gauntlets, needs strapped
4 sets half gauntlets in ok shape
1 white plastic lower leg style needs straps
2 blue lower leg style ok/usable shape
3 blue plastic lower leg style, needs straps
Padded Gambesons for body armor
1 new
1 in construction
1 used in good shape
3 to be made
Body protection
3 in good shape,
3 more in construction

Shields
4 in good shape
5 need edging
Needs…
Basket Hilts, Georges, Legs, fabric, and padding for gambesons, copper rivets

From the Kingdom Chronicler

I am announcing a contest to choose the cover for the January publication! I posted this in the October issue of the OH and have not gotten anything yet.... so there have been changes in the deadline so that entries must be emailed to chronicler@outlands.org by December 15, 2012 so we can choose the winner. Myself, my deputies and the Crown will determine the winner and since the Blackfox awards have now allowed a category for Kingdom newsletter cover art here is your chance to shine!

Here are the guidelines...

1.This is for the front cover only with no bleeds (i.e. leave a margin around the edges)

2. It must be submitted in CYMK mode, not RGB—if you have questions about this, please ask (please submit your work in black and white also)

3. Artwork must have a permission release form submitted with the file (found on www.outlands.org/library - http://www.outlands.org/portals/0/forms%20and%20waivers/releasecreativefillable.pdf)

4. Winner will be notified by email/phone

5. If your artwork is not chosen for the January, 2013 cover, please let us know if we can use it, in black and white form, for artwork in subsequent issues

I am also calling out to the artisans of our wonderful kingdom for some help with the

I am also calling out to the artisans of our wonderful kingdom for some help with the general artwork that goes into the *Outlandish Herald*. Currently I use a lot of free clipart for the inside of the publication and have been fortunate to be allowed to use some wonderful artwork our populace has created for the cover art... mostly for event advertisement.

Our populace is full of wonderful and very artsy and crafty people (and others, too). I would like to showcase our populace's artistic efforts in our newsletter. Therefore, I am sending out this request to you all so you can begin thinking about submitting a piece for the publication. This artwork needs to be black and white saved as a .GIF or .TIF file so it can be easily inserted in places where needed. Interior artwork can be small pieces like Celtic knots or buttons of some kind. Remember, all covers are black and white with the exception of the January issue. All artwork needs to be accompanied by a permission release form that includes SCA and mundane names. Photographs are now acceptable if the subjects and photographer will submit a permission to release for publication form to the chronicler's office. The permission release forms can be found on the Outlands webpage under FORMS and WAIVERS link (www.outlands.org).

If you have any questions or need any other help, please email me at chronicler@outlands.org

In service,

THLady Cerydwen de Gyrlyngton

Outlands Kingdom Chronicler

Totally Tudor Twelfth Night Hosted by the Barony of Caerthe

Date: Saturday, Jan 5 2013

Time Gate opens at 9 AM

Site Closes: Saturday, Jan. 5 2013 at 10 PM

Site fee (ACCEPS closes December 15th) $12 Adult Children 6-14— $6 ; 5 and under free Feast Fee $12 (Limit to 100)

After ACCEPS closes $15 6-14—$9 Family Cap $45. If there is feast positions left $15

Location: Adams County Regional Park 9755 Henderson Rd. Brighton, CO 80601

Site is Dry

Autocrat: Ld Rioghan mac an Ghabhan 720 394-7043 rioghanmg@gmail.com

Co-Autocrat: THL Celetina Santi MKA Brenda Cragin 720-219-6289

Feast-o-crat: Lady Morgan Cheyney MKA Chaney Wiese 303-667-7898

Come join us and start the year in Tudor fashion. This year Caerthe's premiere event will highlight the court of Henry VIII, but you will be able to come and enjoy all the aspects of Caerthe's 12th Night that you have come to love over the years, including merchants, friends, entertainment and the usual feast.

There will be games for both young and old, as well as a Tudor Garb competition for those who wish to participate.

Traditional games from the era will be set up to partake of, while the children entertain us with a joust or two (There is also activities planned for the younger children as well).

Directions to Site:

From the North: Make your way to I-25 amd 104th ave in Thornton/Northglenn CO. Go East on 104th Ave to Riverdale Rd. (abt. 3.2 miles) and turn left on Riverdale Rd. Drive 3.8 miles on turn right on Henderson Rd, and go 1/2 mile to the Adams County Regional Park.

From the South:

Head North on I-76 to US-85.

Take US 85 North to 124th Ave.

Go about 1 mile West on 124th Ave to the Adams County Regional Park

Thank you,

Totally Tudor 12th Night
Feast Menu

Greetings good gentles. Here is the tentative menu for Caerthen 12th Night 2013. If there are any changes I will post them ASAP. Please let me know if you have any questions or allergy concerns.

1st Remove
Bread with choice of plain or herbed butter
Nuts, Dried Apricots, Raisins and Dates

2nd Remove
Beef Stew
or
Vegetable Pottage

3rd Remove
Boiled Chicken with Almond Rice
Pearl Onions and Peas

4th Remove
Apple Glazed Pork Medallions
Mashed Turnips & Leeks with Cheese

5th Remove
Pear, Apple, Cherry & Pecan Tarts
Strawberries in Snow

YIS,
Lady Morgan Cheyney
12th Night Feast Steward

Greetings unto the populace. ACCEPS is up and running as of today. Here is the information for pricing etc. Please note that feast is being limited to the first 100 people.

(ACCEPS closes December 15th) $12 Adult Children 6-14— $6; 5 and under Family Cap is $45
Feast Fee $12 (Limit to 100) ACCEPS link http://acceps.ansteorra.org/index.php
Select Kingdom of Outlands and go to Caerthen Twelfth Night to make payment.
After ACCEPS closes $15 6-14—$9 Family Cap $45. If there is feast positions
left $15

Please also bear with us, as we are still working to get the website up, (the webminister and I are playing tag it seems.) As soon as this is up, it will have the schedule, and all other information. This should be up ASAP.
YIS
Lord Rian Mac an Ghobhann
12th Night Event Steward

Greetings unto the populace of the Kingdom of the Outlands and friends far and near, from the Merchant Coordinator for Caerthe's Totally Tudor 12th Night;

Yep it is that time again, time to make new garb or pull out your old ones and to prepare for 12th night. I am looking for merchants who would like to sell their wares. If you are a merchant who would like to participate in a Totally Tudor 12th Night or if you know someone who SHOULD come and merchant please contact me at walflowernomore@gmail or 303-902-1165 (if you get my voice mail please leave a message letting me know that you are in the SCA interested in or have information for 12th merchants and I will return your message as soon as possible. I am also looking for a few people to help with any heavy lifting that might be needed to set up and tear down.

Here are the terms to merchant this year:

1) Must sign up by December 1st

2) All merchants are required to pay the normal site fee

3) You will received three tables free of Charge but the 4th table is $5.00

4) Due to space limitations there is a maximum of 4 tables allowed per merchant. There is no exception. If you have many items for sale we ask that you limit your wares to fit onto the available table space.

5) Per the Event Steward's: ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL will be sold, given, or allowed on site. If Alcohol is found either in or around your booth or on your person, you will be asked to leave the premises and you will forfeit all site/feast/table fees that were paid. If you are asked to leave and you disagree (i.e. "I don't have any alcohol…") you may, if you wish, appeal to the Event Stewards who have the final say on this issue.

6) Per our contract with Adam's County - If you sell any food or drinks you must obtain a special Vendors License. It is your responsibility to contact Adam's County Fairgrounds to find out how to go about getting this special license. You must be able to produce this license upon request by the Event Stewards, Merchant Coordinator, or Adams County personnel. This is ONLY REQUIRED FOR FOOD AND DRINK VENDORS. If you choose to try to sell these items without the appropriate license, we will have to ask you to cease operations without any refund of table fees. If you continue to sell after being asked the first time – you will be required to leave the premises and will forfeit any site/table/feast fees paid. As in all things, if

you disagree with the Merchant Coordinator on this you may appeal the decision to the Event Stewards who have final say on this issue.

7) It is up to you to set up your booth. The Event Stewards and Merchant Coordinator and her staff will help as time and ability allow however it is your responsibility to set up and tear down/clean up your space.

8) Determination of who gets to merchant will be based on first come first served and space needed. If there is more than one merchant selling similar items, the first one will be given the space and then AFTER

9) AT THIS TIME: There is a limit of 15 merchants, however this may be increased as available space is determined.

This year the Merchant Coordinator is requesting that all merchants acknowledge the terms stated above. You can do this a couple of ways – 1) scan a copy of this email/notice with your signature at the bottom saying you understand and have read the terms, 2) print out and sign a copy of the email/notice and send it to atten: Lady Katrein Adler, c/o Debbie Strauser, 991 S. Ironton, Aurora, CO 80012, or 3) if you are local (Denver Metro Area) you can find me at Populace and normally at Monday night Archery Practice. This is just an acknowledgement and should in no way be construed as a contract to merchant between any parties

In Service
Lady Katrein Adler, Merchant Coordinator
(mka Debbie Strauser)

<u>As of November 24, 2012</u>

The list of Merchants includes the following:

Asad Silk Road Caravan
Mlodin
HE Renate Koven
Fox Ryde Gardens
Westmarch Forge
Variant of Normal
Aurora Moon
Katya's Korner
Mistress Biket
Morgan Rowanwaif
Castaway Trading Company
Nirvana Sweets
Wrenflair
The Fiber Guild will also be doing a fund-raiser in the Merchant Room

Persona Pages

I am reserving this section of the Fortress for Persona Stories. I want to provide an arena for a very important part of what is encouraged when we join. Create a persona. A persona is all the characteristics of a person who would have existed in a certain time period, place and culture. I have posted the first part of my Persona Story as an example and I hope it's enjoyed. I certainly have enjoyed creating it. Please forward me copies of your persona story. Remember to send along a signed release form.
YIS,
Jorunn

Jorunn's Journey - 11TH Century Viking/Birka/Sweden

The Viking funeral ship was slowly being pulled out to sea on the retreating tide. The last flaming arrow sent skyward found it's mark on the drifting ship and the ship was now engulfed in flame. On board lay the only father and mother I ever knew. I am supposed to go live with my Uncle Erik now, but he is a cruel man. I keep remembering what my mother said to me just before she climbed on board the funeral ship to be with my father on their trip to Valhala.

My mother told me that she was from the little town of Clontarf in a land called Erin. She was captured in a Viking raid and my father, Olaf, claimed her as his personal slave. She originally wanted to escape and go home, but she fell in love with my father…or rather…the man that raised me as his daughter, Olaf. My mother also told me something she never told my father Olaf; that I was not his real daughter.

Just before my mother was captured, she was sleeping with one of the local lords; a Lord Thalgear O'Shannon. She was the local tavern owners daughter and on one of his visits Lord Thalgear caught her eye. He had lost his wife and found comfort in her company. She had just learned she was pregnant when she was kidnapped. To save me from cruel treatment she believed I would receive if they knew the truth, she told my father Olaf I was his and he believed her. She revealed this truth to me in private and swore me to secrecy. The only reason she told me now was so I could go and find my true father for she was sorry she had to leave. She chose to join Olaf on his trip to Valhala. I had to promise her on her sacrifice that I would go find my real father.

My mother really did love my Viking father. When they bought his body home from the last raid where unfortunately he caught a spear through the heart, she threw herself over his body and cried for hours. Olaf may have believed that I was his daughter, but I was still considered property being born from a slave, so the brother of my Viking Father Olaf, Eric, claims me as his property. He owns a ship and is always out to sea. He said he needed a cabin boy to the other members of my Viking father's family, then he laughed. Maybe he thought I didn't understand. I play swords with his cabin boy when they are in port and he seems just fine. This past year was the year of my first bleed. I always felt uncomfortable with the way Uncle Erik looked at me when he was visiting us.

I stood there on shore with everyone else watching the ship go further out to sea. The wind had picked up but I was warm with my wool cloak wrapped around me. Under my cloak I wore my linen tunic and pants glad that I never listened to my mother to wear the apron dress. It always got in the way when I played swords with the boys. Now, *he* will probably make me wear the apron dress. I will have to live on board a ship with *him.*

I need to find out where this land of Erin is. Yes, I think I will adventure there while I can still disguise myself as a boy. I hope my new father will like me. …*to be continued.*

Arts and Sciences Article

Silent Heralds Guide

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What is a Silent Herald?

To put it simply a silent herald is exactly like a vocal herald, only instead of speaking the herald uses sign language. A silent herald is also the voice of the Crown, they can be used in courts, tournaments, classes and other activities.

Deaf Versus deaf

There are two forms of the word "deaf". Deaf with a lower case "d" is a medical term referring to hearing loss. Deaf with a capital "D" refers to a cultural group who rely on the use of sign language to communicate. Deafness is, indeed, a complete culture with its own unique language, set of beliefs, values and etiquette. Deafness runs a huge spectrum from mild loss to "profound" or complete deafness. Anyone within that range may be culturally deaf including hearing people called CODAs, or "children of deaf adults".

Why Do We Need Silent Heralds

One of the most profound features of (D) Deafness is the use of American Sign Language (ASL) to both hear and for many, to speak. ASL is the 3rd most used language in the United States. Of the adult population of the US, 16% have hearing difficulties according to the National Institute of the Deaf. According to the World Health Organization, 278 million have moderate-profound hearing loss, worldwide. Deafness occurs within a percentage of every other language group. And it can be caused by not only heredity, but also disease, trauma, abuse and aging.

Deafness can also occur at different locations in the ear and brain causing nerve, conduction and mechanical deafness. Simply put, hearing is a very fragile mechanism and deafness has access to many ways of manifesting that make the probability of deafness higher than that of many other disabling conditions.

The Kingdom of the Outlands is unique in that is has 3 of the major schools for the deaf, which is significantly higher than in others Kingdoms, and yet we do not currently provide services to this large demographic during a time when we need member recruitment and retention more than ever.

The Legal Stuff

As a 501c3 organization, we are required to comply with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which states that we will make *reasonable* accommodation where feasible for those with disabilities, as well as prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability. It is also within the SCA governing documents that we will follow the ADA.

Things to Know/ Misconceptions

As the population of the Deaf increases because of the availability of these accommodations, here are some things you will see and some common misconceptions about them:

1. When someone says they are Deaf, it doesn't mean that they are necessarily completely or "stone deaf": Hearing loss ranges from person to person and across a frequency range that can vary widely as well. Those with some hearing loss can interpret for others. For example, I have loss in the low ranges where Meliore has lost the high ranges that help to differentiate defining consonants in speech. I may catch words she doesn't even though we are both deaf.

2. Hearing aids. Because someone is using a hearing assistance device, it does not mean that they recover all of their lost hearing. Hearing aids and Cochlear Implants are not a cure.
Hearing aids are merely amplifiers of sound. However, if a range of sound has been truly lost, no amplification will help. After a time of not receiving auditory signals, the brain shuts off that frequency band permanently. This is why it is critical to get hearing aids as soon as any loss is detected.

3. Use of sign language is not limited to the hands only:
American Sign Language involves the use of gesture, body language and facial expression. For example, in order to ask a question, ASL requires a frowning face as the question mark in the sentence, much like the verbal lilt used in spoken language to indicate an inquiry. Without the frown or eyebrow expression, the meaning of the hand gestures is entirely different.

Sign language is not a pictorial representation of English. ASL, the sign language of the culturally Deaf in the US, has its own grammar and syntax and is much closer to Chinese than English. As a result, it makes it difficult to speak English and Sign at the same time. As it is, there are 3 kinds of Sign language in the United States alone, but only ASL is used by the culturally deaf.

Sign language is a visible language and as such, the Deaf cannot whisper and there really are no secrets. Culturally, the Deaf tend to be very careful what they say because you never know who is "listening" in. However, out of respect for privacy, it is good etiquette not to watch private signed conversations, as it constitutes eavesdropping. The deaf deal is the Deaf offer is if you don't watch their private conversations they promise not to lip-read you when you are whispering. By the way, that is why today, NFL coaches now block the view of their mouth from cameras and onlookers. It is perfectly acceptable to watch the public interpreters like those provided at courts. They are there for everyone, and besides, you may pick up some ASL that way!

The Goal of Silent Heralds

The major goal of all court heralds is to enable communication. The best thing to remember is that a Silent Herald is a much the "Voice of the Crown" to those who cannot hear as the vocal herald is to those who can.

You Need:

To Be Seen

The first element is being seen, you need to stand where you can clearly hear what is being said during court, yet be clearly seen by those who need your services. Usually the best location is on stage or half-high to the stage (only on floor level as a last resort). However, different terrain and situations may call for a different location for yourself, please use your best judgment. It is best to be in the same line of sight as the Royalty, so the Crowns, what's going on in court, and the interpreter can all be seen at the same time.

Wear a solid color tabard that contrasts with your skin tone. This helps to make your signs easy to understand and clearer at a distance. Also be aware brightly colored nails polish can be distracting, and that means your signs are received as mumbling. Wearing gloves can remedy that situation, but can, likewise, be distracting.

To Be Able to Hear

Do not allow yourself to be blocked by guards or retainers and stand where there is good light and little shadow to assure that your signs can be clearly seen. Usually, if the Silent Herald is placed to be seen, he/she will also be able to hear. Remember you cannot interpret what you cannot hear.

Cooperation of the Vocal Heralds, Nobles, Autocrats and Populace

Those who speak in a normal rate and who enunciate clearly are easier to hear, to interpret for and are easier for the Deaf to lip read. By being welcoming and helpful to the Silent Heralds you are also being welcoming and helpful to the Deaf. We are all on the same side and should be working together

Basic knowledge of American Sign Language

A basic knowledge of ASL is needed (no one wants to finger spell a whole court), but fluency is not necessary to begin with. This is a voluntary service to those members who lack the ability to hear. It is a rarity to find someone who is of interpreter quality and is willing to interpret a court, voluntarily. All that is required is signing to the best of your ability. As I once told a friend who apologized for having such a limited vocabulary, "it's better to hear baby talk than nothing".

Nice To Have, If You Can Get ‘Em

See scrolls in advance

Seeing scrolls in advance is a great help. A Silent Herald has at least a faint hope of finger spelling a name correctly if she/he has seen it before. Some scrolls have very flowery or “puny” wording that requires advance preparation.

Be kept “in the loop”

It is very useful to be kept “in the loop”. An overall preparation for the business that is going to take place in Court, similar to the preparation of a Vocal Herald, is very useful. Music, dance, theatrics, all the neat stuff that makes a court different and exciting – knowledge makes all of this easier to sign and explain.

What to Sign

“Interpreters shall render the message faithfully, always conveying the content and spirit of the speaker, using language most readily understood by the person(s) whom they serve.”

If the Silent Herald can hear that someone is speaking, but can’t understand the words, it is interpreted as, for example, “Morgan speaking, hear nothing”. Silent Heralds interpret whatever the main business of the Court is at any given time.

The main business of the Court is usually one of the following:

- The words of The Royalty.
- The words of the Vocal Herald, including but not limited to, the scroll.
- The words of the individual called before the Court
- Reactions, comments from the populace.

What Not to Sign

“Interpreters shall not counsel, advise, or interject personal opinions.”

Silent Heralds interpret whatever is heard. Sign what is voiced to you, speak what is signed to you. Private discussions, not meant for the populace, should not be signed. Interpret any sounds that have an impact on those present: for example, a loud crash that might make everyone jump or turn to look in a particular direction.

Confidentiality

“The interpreter/translator must keep all assignment-related information strictly confidential.”

This is difficult in an SCA context, since the information, basically, becomes public knowledge as it is being interpreted. However, this does mean that any information a Silent Herald is privy to before Court (names of people getting awards, etc.) is kept confidential until it becomes public knowledge.

Behavior

"Interpreters shall function in a manner appropriate to the situation."

In general, it is easy for the Silent Herald to be appropriate in an SCA Court if he/she remembers that he/she is the Voice of the Crown.

SCA Signs

King
Manual alphabet letter "K" from non-dominant shoulder to dominant hip. (Be sure that the palm orientation is correct — if not, this can easily be confused with the sign for "*PRINCE")

Queen
Manual alphabet letter "Q" moving from non-dominant shoulder to dominant hip.

Prince
Manual alphabet letter "P" moving from non-dominant shoulder to dominant hip.

Princess
Manual alphabet letter "P" moving from non-dominant shoulder to dominant shoulder to dominant hip

if Gender needs to be expressed you can point to person or add sign for man or woman

Count & Countess
Manual alphabet letter "E" moving from center of forehead to dominant ear. Think of it as a sign for "Earl". Do not use the manual alphabet letter "C" as it is already known as a vulgar sign in ASL today.

Viscount & Viscountess
Manual alphabet letter "V" facing palm out and upright moving from center of forehead to dominant ear.

Baron & Baroness
Manual alphabet letter "X", moving from center of forehead to dominant ear. Do not use the manual alphabet letter "B" as it is already known as vulgar sign in ASL today.

Knight
Manual alphabet letter “K”’s at the waist, moving from center to hip, drawing the belt that is the symbol of the order.

Squire
Manual alphabet letter “S”’s in the same movement as the sign for “KNIGHT”

Laurel
Manual alphabet letter “L” on each hand placed on chest where the peerage medallion would rest, each hand is drawn up and around in a circle, showing the shape of the laurel wreath.

Pelican
Manual alphabet letter “P” tapped to chest sharply to represent the piercing the chest (the symbol of the order, the pelican vulning its breast)

Court
Manual alphabet letter “C” rolling out of mouth into the air like a speech bubble

Outlands
Hands splayed, thumbs at the temples then thrust forward. This is the sign for deer and a jumping forward.

Huzzah
Hands making a manual alphabet letter “X”, held shoulder-with apart at head level moving in a circle

Appendix

From Americans with Disabilities Act (http://www.ada.gov/taman3.html)

ADA Title III Technical Assistance Manual

Businesses And Non-Profit Agencies

III-3.2000 Denial of participation. The ADA prohibits discriminatory denial of services or benefits to individuals with disabilities. Just as under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 a restaurant cannot refuse to admit an individual because of his or her race under the ADA, it cannot refuse to admit an individual merely because he or she has a disability.

III-3.3000 Equality in participation/benefits. The ADA mandates an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from the goods and services offered by a place of public accommodation, but does not guarantee that an individual with a disability must achieve an identical result or level of achievement as persons without disabilities.

III-3.6000 Retaliation or coercion. Individuals who exercise their rights under the ADA, or assist others in exercising their rights, are protected from retaliation. The prohibition against retaliation or coercion applies broadly to any individual or entity that seeks to prevent an individual from exercising his or her rights or to retaliate against him or her for having exercised those rights.

Protection is extended to those who assist others in exercising their rights.

Any form of retaliation or coercion, including threats, intimidation, or interference, is prohibited if it is intended to interfere with the exercise of rights under the ADA.

III-4.1300 Unnecessary inquiries. The ADA prohibits unnecessary inquiries into the existence of a disability.

From SCA By-Laws and Corporate Policy (http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/govdocs.pdf)

XIII. POLICY ON ACCESSIBILITY TO SOCIETY FUNCTIONS

The SCA, Inc. will not discriminate against any member or participant on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, age or disability. The SCA, Inc. will comply with all laws of the nation in which the meeting or event is held. For any meeting or event held in the United States, the SCA, Inc. will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The SCA, Inc. will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities to enable all participants to fully enjoy the events whenever it is possible to do so. The SCA, Inc. will at all times attempt to provide reasonable accommodations, while preserving the fundamental nature of the SCA event.

NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct

(http://www.rid.org/ethics/code/index.cfm/AID/66)

A code of professional conduct is a necessary component to any profession to maintain standards for the individuals within that profession to adhere. It brings about accountability, responsibility and trust to the individuals that the profession serves.

RID, along with the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), co-authored the ethical code of conduct for interpreters. Both organizations uphold high standards of professionalism and ethical conduct for interpreters. At the core of this code of conduct are the seven tenets, which are followed by guiding principles and illustrations.

The tenets are to be viewed holistically and as a guide to complete professional behavior. When in doubt, one should refer to the explicit language of the tenet.

TENETS

Interpreters adhere to standards of confidential communication.
Interpreters possess the professional skills and knowledge required for the specific interpreting situation.
Interpreters conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to the specific interpreting situation.
Interpreters demonstrate respect for consumers.
Interpreters demonstrate respect for colleagues, interns, and students of the profession.
Interpreters maintain ethical business practices.
Interpreters engage in professional development.

To access the full version of the NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct please browse: http://www.rid.org/UserFiles/File/NAD_RID_ETHICS.pdf

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Guilds, Classes & Meetings

Brewers Guild – Inactive

Cooks Guild: Mistress Catrin von Berlin called Gwen Cat;
http://rowdy.mscd.edu/~grasse/cooksguild1.htm

Embroidery Guild: Inactive

Leatherworkers Guild: THL Forrester: Quartermaster@Caerthe-SCA.org;
720-560-0627 – Postposed till the fall

Scribes Guild: Inactive

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Cooks Guild

In December Caerthe's Cooks Guild will journey to enjoy a European Christmas Market. No, not in Europe, but right here in Downtown Denver. Location is Skyline park on the 16th street mall (at Arapahoe St.)
Sunday December 16, 2012
2:00pm meet at the entrance to the market. PLEASE let me know if you plan to join us (so I know to look for you or can contact you if the weather turns too seasonal.)
Parking may be scarce or expensive, use light rail if possible, or carpool if not.
Bring a little cash if you want to sample some of the foods being sold, or buy a gift for yourself or a friend.
Information is available at:
http://www.denverchristkindlmarket.com/
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Held in the O'Meara Ford Community Room on the fourth Tuesday of the Month (barring conflict) from 7pm to 9pm.

Directions: From I-25 and 104th Ave, go West to Melody Dr. Make a U-turn so you are heading East on 104th. O'Meara is between Melody and Bannock on the south side of 104th Ave.

"Parking: You can park either in front (by the Heidi's Deli) or on the west side of the building."

Archery:
Outdoor archery in the Fall and Winter is subject to weather. Please contact the Archery Captain for current practice information.

For more information:
Go to the Canton of Hawk's Hollow website at
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The College of Scola Metallorum is another subsidiary branch of the Barony and represents the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, CO.

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College of three spires

The College of Three Spires received its full status at Caerthen 12th Night on January 6, 2007. It is associated with the colleges at the Metro campus in Denver.

At present, there are not sufficient members for the college to be active. If you are a student attending Metro, and are interested in holding one of the offices below, please contact the Adviser, Mistress GwenCat at the contact listed below.

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Business Meetings: First Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at The Celtic Tavern, Riverside Downs in Littleton. 2620 W Belleview Ave, Littleton, CO 80123. This is just past Santa Fe (to the West) on Belleview.

Populace Gatherings: Have concluded for the winter months and will resume again after the snows end for the year sometime in Spring of 2011 at Cornerstone Park in the SW corner of the park, noon to 4 pm. 5150 S. Windermere St., Englewood, CO. There will be announcements on the Canton web site, as well as the Canton Newsletter and the newsletters of our many good neighbors around this region of the Kingdom of the Outlands.

Fighter Practice: Runs concurrent with Populace Gatherings, in same location.

Monthly Populace Pot-luck and Class: Lone Tree Civic Center, dates each month are posted on Readstan Yahoo Group list and freely cross-posted to other local lists and open to all who wish to attend. Everyone is welcome!

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Fighter Practices (Fencing and Heavy Weapons):

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